

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
March 19, 2020
Special Meeting to Address Matters Affected by COVID-19

(This meeting did not qualify as social work continuing education.)

Items 1 – 3 applies to all social workers. It is not necessary to make a written request.

1. The continuing education collection period is extended to September 30, 2020. This also applies to the continuing education in clinical supervision required to maintain Board Approved Clinical Supervisor designation and the ethics hours required of all social workers.
2. All continuing education hours required for the collection period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (extended to September 30, 2020) can be completed through distance learning.
3. Supervision can be conducted through electronic means until September 30, 2020.

Testing Issues for Certified Social Workers Due to Test Site Closures – this issue is tabled for discussion at the April 3 board meeting. The problem we see is that the Practice Act does not give the board authority to grant extensions for the testing guidelines or the deadline to hold the CSW. We will ask the legislature for authority to extend.

Social work credentials lapse on August 31, 2020. We will ask the legislature for authority to extend.

Temporary Changes at the Board Office - Our lobby is closed. There is a drop slot in the front door should you want to drop off paperwork. If you are facing the door, it is to your right and towards the bottom of the door. Office staff are available by phone or email between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This is subject to change should the governor direct state offices to close. If that happens, we will still be available by email.

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